

TO: ALL DENTAL AUXILIARIES WISHING TO
EXPOSE DENTAL RADIOGRAPHS IN CALIFORNIA

FROM: COMMITTEE ON DENTAL AUXILIARIES
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

The law for radiation safety reads as follows:

On and after January 1, 1985, every dentist licensed to practice dentistry in the state and any person working in a dentist's office who operates dental radiographic equipment shall meet at least one of the following requirements:

- (a) Pass a course, approved by the **board (California Board of Dental Examiners)**, in radiation safety which includes theory and clinical application in radiographic technique. The board shall require the courses to be taught by persons qualified in radiographic technique and shall adopt regulations specifying the qualifications for course instructors.
- (b) Have passed a radiation safety examination conducted by the **board (ONLY the California Board of Dental Examiners)** prior to January 1, 1985. (This examination is no longer given.)

The Board of Dental Examiners, Committee on Dental Auxiliaries, may in lieu of conducting its own investigation, accept the findings of any commission of accreditation agency approved by the board and adopt those findings as its own. The board has chosen to accept the findings of the **American Dental Association** accreditation of radiation safety courses provided by schools whose dental assisting and dental hygiene programs are approved by the **American Dental Association (ADA)**. The Board of Dental Examiners chooses to accept those findings only after December 31, 1979, so only persons completing courses after that date may be considered.

If you did not complete a dental assisting or dental hygiene course approved by the **American Dental Association** after **December 31, 1979** you will need to successfully complete a board approved course in California.

If you did complete a dental assisting or dental hygiene course approved by the **American Dental Association** after **December 31, 1979** complete the top portion of the attached form and forward it to the educational institution where you completed the course. After the form is completed it should be returned to the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries.

The Committee on Dental Auxiliaries reserves the right to request documentation of course content if deemed necessary. Such a request could cause delay in determining your eligibility to expose radiographs. Once your verification form is received it will be checked for completeness and eligibility determination. You will be notified within **30 days** of the results of this process.

The fee for application for radiation safety certification is \$10.00, please remit along with this document.